

PROPOSAL NO. 55 AS AMENDED 4-18-06

2005-06 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the problem the proposal would address and how the proposal would address the problem:

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Current situation: Unless the charter is amended, problems relating to election of council members will continue to arise every 10 years, following each reapportionment of council districts. For the council election of 2012, and for the council elections held every ten years thereafter, new district boundaries will be drawn due to reapportionment. Some voters at the 2012 council election will be able to vote for a district councilmember in two successive council elections (2010 and 2012), while other voters will be ineligible to vote for a district councilmember in either of those two elections. Additionally, some voters will, even without moving, be represented between 2012 and 2014 by a councilmember for whom they had no opportunity to vote.

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) proposed to be deleted or amended:

Section 3-102. Number, Election and Terms of Office of Councilmembers
Section 16-122. Transitional Provisions on the Staggering of Councilmembers' Terms

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).
4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.
5. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

Ramseyer Format:

If proposing an amendment to existing Charter provisions, indicate, by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate, by bracketing, any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.

If proposing to replace existing Charter provisions in their entirety, clearly indicate the article(s), chapter(s) and/or section(s) of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and provide the text of any provisions proposed to replace the deleted material.

If proposing new Charter material only, provide the text of the new provision(s) and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be inserted.

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(Note: All voters may vote on both questions, regardless of their vote on Question X)

Question X: Should the current system of staggered council terms and council term limits be replaced by either Alternative A or Alternative B below?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Question Y: If Charter Question X is approved by the voters at this election, which of the following two alternative proposals relating to terms of councilmembers do you favor? (Vote for Alternative A or Alternative B, but not for both proposals.)

- **ALTERNATIVE A.** Term limits for councilmembers and the staggering of councilmembers' terms shall be eliminated. In 2008, candidates running to represent the odd-numbered council districts shall be running to serve two-year terms. In 2010, and every four years thereafter, candidates for all council seats shall be running to serve four-year terms.
- **ALTERNATIVE B.** Councilmembers shall be limited to serving a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms, and the staggering of councilmember terms shall be eliminated. In 2008, candidates running to represent odd-numbered council districts shall be running to serve two-year terms. In 2010 and every four years thereafter, candidates for all council seats shall be running to serve four-year terms.

*** AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL ON 4-18-06: REPLACED PART 1
(INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS) AND PART 5 (TEXT)**